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Parents Weekend Approaches

Parents of Saint Leo College freshmen are expected to participate in Parents Weekend programs here March 6-9.

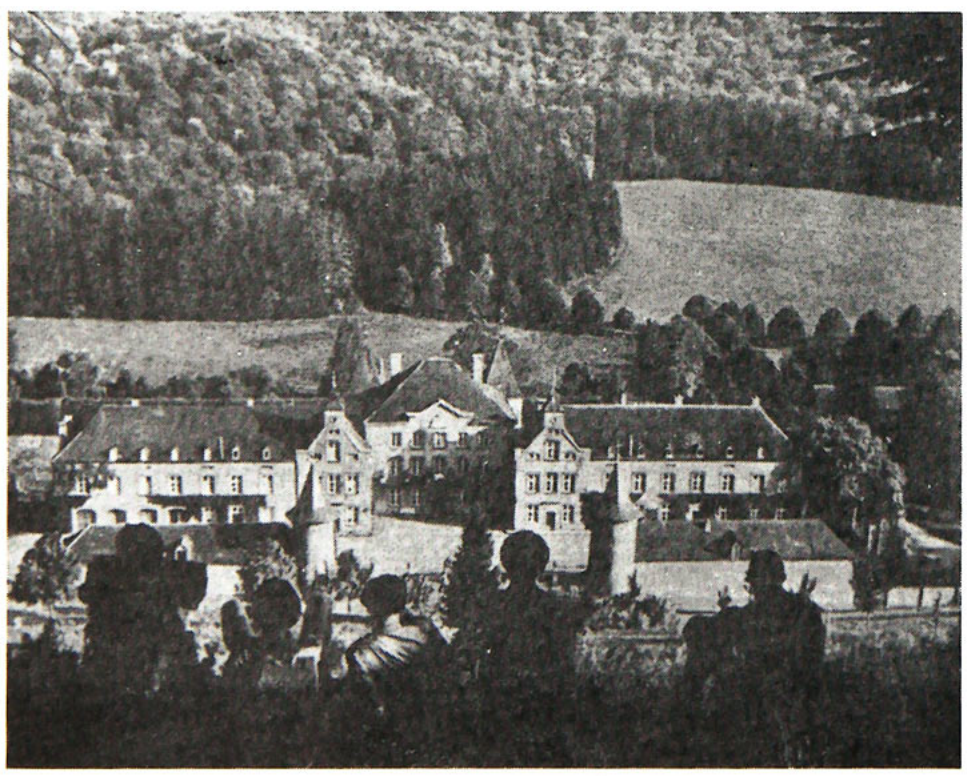
Seventy-one students on the Dean's List will be recognized and applauded at a scholarship convocation scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the McDonald Center. Guest speaker will be Dr. Richard V. Moore, president of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach. Certificates in recognition of their outstanding academic performance will be presented to the honor students by Saint Leo vice-president for academic affairs, Dr. Edward L. Flemming. A Parents Association luncheon for the honor students will precede the convocation.

The many activities planned include the attendance of parents at classes with their sons and daughters, appointments with faculty members, visits to nearby tourist attractions, a concert by "The Drifters" and viewing of art exhibits and competitive events in connection with Greek Weekend.

A Folk Mass, Parents Son and Daughter Mass, Open House at the residence halls and an outdoor barbecue will precede the weekend highlights of the semi-formal President's Reception, the Parents Son and Daughter Banquet and the President's Ball Saturday evening. Dr. Anthony W. Zaitz, Saint Leo College president, and Mrs. Zaitz will officially welcome parents, students and other guests.

Golf, tennis and handball will be available for parental participation. Students will compete in varsity and intramural practice.

Leo's Abroad

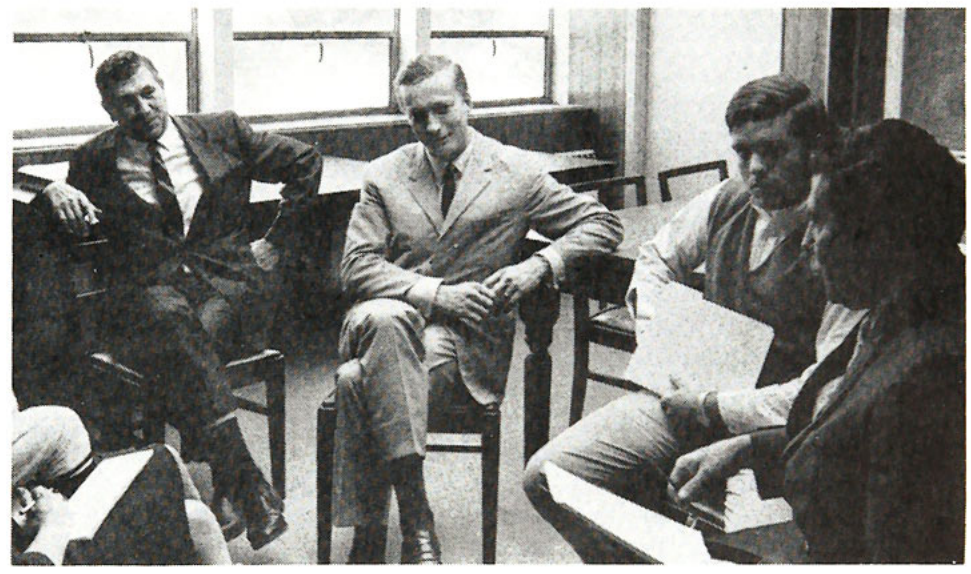


Count of Merchant and Ansembourg's castle in Luxembourg

Official Notice

The Administrative Council has notified the Office of Records that the Final Exam Week will run from Thursday, April 17 thru Monday, April 21, excluding Sunday, April 20. In effect the exams that were scheduled on Tuesday, April 22, will now be changed to Saturday, April 19. All Senior grades must be in the Office of Records by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, and all other grades must be in the Office of Records by 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 25.

Count Talks About His Ancient Castle



Discussing St. Leo's plans in VITA are (l to r) Dr. Anthony Zaitz, Count of Merchant and Ansembourg, John Barker and Will Kohner.

A nobleman from the tiny European country of Luxembourg last week discussed with St. Leo College officials the use of his 320-year-old castle as a center for students to study liberal arts beginning next semester.

The Count of Merchant and Ansembourg has turned over the gardens and 92 room Ansembourg Castle to the Vita International Association for the use of St. Leo College and five midwest colleges that will furnish students and the faculty for Vita International Study Center.

Will Kohner, Chicago executive director of Vita, and the Count plan to continue their discussion about the curriculum with college President Dr. Anthony Zaitz this morning and then fly to Avila College in Kansas City, Mo., to complete plans for the 1969-70 academic year and the students who will study in the grand duchy of Luxembourg.

Dr. Zaitz said Mr. and Mrs. Don Geiger from the college faculty here have been selected to teach abroad in the new center where each participating school will maintain its own identity and academic requirements.

Geiger will be an art instructor and Mrs. Geiger will teach the German language at the center composed of a consortium of colleges which furnish students and teachers in the approximate ratio of 15 to 1.

In addition to St. Leo and Avila others in the international academic venture are Mercy College, Detroit, Mich.; Dominican College, Racine, Wis.; College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn.; and Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Currently some 50 students here in the freshman and sophomore classes are being accepted to study on the continent during their sophomore and junior year, Dr. Zaitz said.

Kohner, who has developed the program with the count, maintains that to participate more fully "in this world of involved relationships we must understand others and appreciate their cultures and learn to identify with others more effectively."

Study abroad enhances this new dimension of each person and develops further the complete citizenship which the modern world requires, he added.

The program needs to be a reciprocal experience and the new center will also offer the European student and the American student a chance to share their individual cultures, according to Kohner.

The curriculum is being designed to fit into the four-year-program on the undergraduate level together with graduate work in the field of theatre, Kohner added.

All this where centuries of history and culture have left impressive landmarks in a setting of beautiful scenery.

This particular study center is in a location that is focal to many vital centers of European cultural, social, political and historical developments, Kohner added.

The courses will include regular field trips to centers located in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg with optional tours available to Switzerland, Italy, England, Germany, France, and Austria.

Dr. Zaitz said a March 5 meeting in Chicago will be held with representatives from Vita and all participating colleges.

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What's Wrong With Our Greek Organizations

Perhaps a major controversial issue existing at Saint Leo College concerns the relationship of the Greek organizations among themselves, and then to the college and to the non-Greeks or independents. A typical issue concerns drinking. To many of the independents, the Greeks are nothing but "glorified drinking clubs." The Greeks, in turn, resent being spotlighted in this manner whether it emanates from an independent, from the school, or from another Greek organization. This example is currently a major issue, but think about it. What's so wrong with drinking? Besides, the Greeks are social organizations, so why not party? Party hard; enjoy it, but don't be ashamed of it.

Drinking is just one example. The range of the issues are diversified, and the controversy will continue to generate until a solution is rendered to essentially one question, "What's wrong with our Greek organizations?"

Unfortunately, the issues seem to have placed the Greeks on the defensive. Everyone seems to be wound up with the externals, the image. Consequently, the Greeks don't seem to be cognizant of a greater problem, really their only problem—their potentiality.

The fraternities and sororities at Saint Leo College exist as separate entities united under the auspices of the Inter Fraternity Sorority Council, which elects officers to represent the entire Greek organizations at Saint Leo College. Their structure is their greatest asset; the asset being unity. As a unit the IFSC represents the largest, most diversified group of students at Saint Leo College, but as a group the Greeks don't seem to realize the potential power structure which is currently and innately theirs.

In order to achieve the greatest efficiency of student power, a strong united leadership is essential. The Greeks possess the potentiality to achieve this leadership power if they desire it. They could accomplish this goal simply enough through social, financial, and academic functions.

The Greeks could and should control all major social functions at Saint Leo College. They could achieve this control simply by fully supporting and sponsoring more IFSC activities rather than individual group activities. But the key is money making activities. The social value is important, but without a sound financial status, independence is limited. Furthermore, to complement a sound financial and social status, academic involvement is necessary. Not merely in terms of an above average Grade Point Average but rather in terms of involvement in the various student academic and social committees within the college. A voice in policy-making matters could be more valuable than financial independence.

The initial question is perhaps partially answered. The Greeks possess a structured unity, a large number, and a great potentiality, but now there is another question, "Can they do it?"

Life

What is life? For eons philosophers, theologians and professional men of every walk of life have strained the innermost areas of their minds in search for an answer to this question and have, unfortunately, failed in obtaining an answer that is acceptable to all men. The reason for this is simply that every individual human being has his own definition for what life is and its meaning.

Life, to some, is looking at a sunny sky and hoping for night, while, to others, it is looking at a starry sky and praying for light. Man is in search for that which he doesn't have—and to him this is life, searching for that which isn't present. But is this really life? No, it is not, because when one gets down to the nitty gritty one realizes that life, really and truly, is man's struggle to survive life and to avoid death, and no matter how hard he tries, he can do neither.

A popular cliche of our time is that all man has to do is pay taxes and die but this is an erroneous statement because man can avoid paying taxes but he cannot avoid death. Death is the end result of life—that for which man lives. To be born is to die and life is only that span of time between birth and death.

Nietzsche once said that God is dead, everything goes. He should have said that man is dead, nothing goes.

The Lions Forum

The Institute of Creative Teaching will energetically seek formal approval of this program from the Florida State Department of Education. But they should be aware of the support of the faculty and student body of Saint Leo College. I feel sure that members of the Institute will be happy to answer any questions about this program that arise in the minds of faculty members or student body.

I am not in a position, nor do I have the competence, to evaluate such a program. But I do see the physical improvements in the area occupied by the Institute. I do see the dedication and the hours of effort that the members of the Institute are bringing to their work. I feel proud to be an associate of such devoted faculty members.

An exciting development has arisen in the academic program of Saint Leo College, which will be of great interest to the faculty and student body.

The Institute of Creative Teaching has formulated and is putting into practice an experimental program that is striking in its originality and imaginativeness. It is attempting to base its teacher-training program on individual contact between students and professor, rather than on the traditional teacher-class realtionship. Putting stress on the effect of students upon one another in an academic context, the Institute is striving more toward the self-realization of the future teacher than simple course content. Many other aspects of the program, too complex to be described here, flow from this basic viewpoint.

I congratulate the Institute of Creative Teaching on their new experimental program.

Father Mark Toon, O.S.B.
Chairman: Division of
Philosophy and Theology

What is the Human Relations Organization? Every week in the Daily-Say-So, there are notices about when the meetings are held, but does that mean something to the people on campus? Not really. The Human Relations Organization is not highly publicized but it should be. It is an organization to help people all over the world in every possible way.

Some students want to help as I can see by the amount of help with the Big Brother–Big Sister program. But what about you others? I've been hit with the answer "But I really don't have the time, I don't even have a minute to myself." That's ridiculous. I'm sure every student is very busy, but it gets a little absurd when one can't find one hour a week to help out. Think about how long an hour is. Think about how much time each day is spent in the Student Center, sleeping it off or just gabbing with a friend. What are we in college for in the first place? Each one of us will graduate and work with others eventually. Take a student studying to be a doctor for instance: He wants to devote his life to helping people. Why can't he start now? Or is it that the degree makes the doctor? "O.K. now I'm a doctor. I can start helping people now." What about all that time he has before he becomes a doctor? Let's face it. If you added up all the time you wasted drinking beer and sitting in the Student Center you'd have enough time to adopt a child, never mind visiting him once a week. There is so much more besides the Big Brother–Big Sister program that needs to be done. They may take an hour or two a week or even an hour a month, but it's helping someone else instead of just helping yourselves. In Trilby, (five miles north of Dade City) there is a Headstart program which needs a lot of help as volunteer aides to help pre-school children. The Dade City nursery also needs help weekday mornings to care for children in the poverty area where the parents work. There is a creative art program in Dade City, Trilby, and Lacoochee again aimed at younger children and working with them on Saturdays.

There is plenty more that has to be done, but I'm sure that if you're in any way interested you'll come to the meetings. I'm not asking you to give up your drinking but I am asking you to try and make time to give a damn about others. Is that too much to ask?

Peggy Richard

Guts And Life

All too often, our problems get the best of us, and no matter how trivial they really are, it is human nature to magnify them to ghastly dimensions. The futileness which emanates from the biological, chemical and physical entity we call man, is usually fostered by a harrowing fear. That fear is no other than life itself.

To live fruitfully is a formidable task. Once the seed has acquired an identity with the reality of the world; and the interim between conception and actualization has expired; then and only then can the juices of the fruit become gratifying to our senses. The sweetness that prevails owes its existence to the buds of life which man has so diligently trained and nurtured with sweat, toil and courage. Each bud signifies a problem transposed into a challenge; and each challenge resolves itself by becoming a palatable and edifying experience. Each experience is beneficial in that it gives meaning and direction to our lives. Deprived of these, man's life becomes stagnant, and with them there exists the possibility that life will become an abyss of despair and nihilism. That is, if man lacks the guts and the foresight to accept each and every challenge as a mere step closer to happiness. It takes a multitude of steps, amalgamated, to constitute a mile and many miles to fulfill a destiny.

David Eannacony

Interview With HRO Officers

The following is an interview with the officers of the Human Relations Organization: Paul Jean, President, Richard Glading, Vice President, Betsy Butler, Treasurer, and Wendy Lyons, Secretary.

THE LION – Will you please tell us the purpose of your organization?

PAUL – The main purpose of our organization is to help people. This is done by offering our assistance to various organizations and community projects throughout Pasco County.

RICK – Another function of the organization is to promote a spirit of humanitarian concern among the student body. We have achieved this to some degree by getting some students involved in the voter registration drive last November and also in the Big Brother and Big Sister Program now in progress.

THE LION – How did this organization get started and what part did you play in its foundation?

PAUL – The idea for the ogranization originated from the two Vista volunteers Rod Meyer and John Roth with assistance from Brother Francis, O.S.B.

RICK – Paul asked me what I thought of this organization and I agreed that it seemed like a worthwhile project. We found that other students felt the same way. We inquired about the requirements for becoming a recognized organization on campus. Several meetings were then held at Paul's house, a constitution was drawn up and the organization was on the move.

THE LION – In the beginning of this school year, your organization had some difficulty getting recognized by the college. Could you tell us what these difficulties were and how they were alleviated?

RICK – One of the main problems of getting the organization started was the red tape that we encountered. It first was brought up before the Inter-Club Council then to the Student Government Association's Executive Committee, then to the student affairs committee then back to the Student Government Association's Executive Committee and then back to the Inter-Club Council where it was finally approved.

PAUL – It seems that a few of the students who represent – so to speak – were hesitant about accepting the responsibility of approving the organization because they felt that the projects which the organization expected to undertake would endanger the relations between St. Leo College and the surrounding communities.

THE LION – What have been the main projects undertaken by your organization?

PAUL – Last semester the Human Relations Organization was involved in several major projects. These consist of the Headstart Program in Trilby, the Dade City nursery, a tutoring group for illiterate adults, and the creative art program in various areas of Pasco County.

THE LION – Are you planning to initiate new projects this semester?

RICK – There are two main projects planned for this semester, the Big Brother and Big Sister Program which went into effect recently. We are now contemplating a "live in". This project will allow a responsible student to live with an underprivileged family for a weekend.

BETSY – These students will go in the homes and participate in every day activities and become part of the family. This would be beneficial in two ways. The student would be involved in some type of community project. It would also be advantageous to the student to find out what life is like on the other side of the tracks.

THE LION – You have established a Big Brother and Big Sister program in Dade City, how does this program work?

PAUL – This program works on a one to one basis. A St. Leo student devotes one hour a week with a child. The purpose of the program is to develop the communicative ability of the child. This relationship between the student and the child has proved in the past to be a success. It has been shown that the reading ability of the child improved and also enhanced his participation in class.

THE LION – Can you tell us something about the tutoring society that you have formed and about Doctor MacDonald's part in this program?

PAUL – A group of members from the club volunteered to teach adults in the Pasco County area in reading and writing. Doctor MacDonald offered his assistance in guiding us in the proper methods of instruction.

THE LION – How have you as an individual benefited from working with this organization?

BETSY – By being a member of this organization and becoming involved in various projects, I have acquired a better understanding of life. The experiences I have encountered have given me an insight into a life, which I had previously only read about or heard about. They have been of value to me in my field of study, but especially to me as a person.

RICK – The Human Relations Organization does not offer any material benefits to the individual involved. However, I feel self-satisfied in knowing that I have helped others. I think that this type of reward is far more gratifying.

PAUL – Just being part of the Human Relations Organization and being involved with so many people has helped change my whole outlook on life. Working with people and trying to help one another has given me a sense of purpose. It has been through this organization that I have had the opportunity of expressing this feeling.

THE LION – Are you going to start a membership drive of some sort in the near future?

PAUL – We hope to have a smoker to explain the organization, its purposes and goals, also our various projects.

BETSY – It seems there are many students who do not realize the Human Relations Organization exists and many students who feel they do not know enough about it. The smoker will give them a chance to learn about the organization.

THE LION – Is there anything you would like to add about the Human Relations Organization that we haven't talked about?

RICK – You always hear people complaining about the world situation. The Human Relations Organization offers an individual a chance to stop complaining and do something about it. We do not propose a revolution or rebellion. We are planting seeds with the hope that these seeds will grow and mature to bring forth better fruit.

PAUL – I think the Human Relations Organization can offer a lot to any student or member of the St. Leo Community. I hear many students say that they are bored and have nothing to do. We can provide many projects that definitely are not boring and will take up as much time as anyone can afford. It also seems that many service organizations on this campus are concerned in only what they can get, what the administration thinks of them and who knows of their so-called good deeds. I think that many people are confused with the idea of giving. Giving does not mean at your convenience or that everyone must know what you are doing. I think that giving has two requisites: one, that it is an inconvenience and two, that you know that you are not going to get a damn thing for what you are doing – not even a pat on the back.If you give in this manner you will get so much more – not a pat on the back, but an inner peace and a feeling of accomplishment that no one has to tell you about. Give a damn!

S.P. Times "Goof"

The St. Petersburg Times of Sunday, February 2, 1969, stated that: "Shamu, one of only three killer whales in captivity–all at San Diego's Sea World"–etc. The above picture was taken in Florida waters of Florida's killer whale in the Miami Seaquarium. You will notice that his mouth is open and his tongue is resting, but he is a talking whale and he is saying to the St. Petersburg Times, "Blah."

Christianity Day Planned

The second annual meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature, Southeastern Region, will be held at St. Leo College on Tuesday, April 1.

Co-hosts for the conference will be Dr. George Good of the Division of Philosophy and Theology and Sister Mary Grace of the Division of Language and Literature.

Delegates from 45 member colleges in Florida are expected to meet at the McDonald Student Center for lunch and then convene in group discussion of common interests. "We want to share with each other the types of literature we are using in our courses," Dr. Good said, "the methods we have found fruitful and the philosophies we are making use of as we attempt to open up for our students the religious implications of literature.."

The inaugural meeting of the group was held last year at Florida Presbyterian College.

'Life Is Not Ended

But Changed . . . '

. . . Preface of the Dead

Anne Riley Bennett – 1969

Kneeling (l to r): Pete Lessard, Emil Bucci, Mark Monnerat, Rich "Duke" Beyer, Wayne Barlow, Phil Hopkins, Dan Leitzell, Chuch Sousa, Len Schettino. Standing (l to r): Head Coach Bill Meyer, Tony Makoski, Joe Sico, Ken Kamradt, Mark Plisko, Dave Korczykowski, Fred Cambria, Kevin Carlin, Bob Case, Ray Korn, Joe Lennon, Marty Tobias, Joe Ciliano, Asst. Coach Tim Crosby.

Monarch Baseball "Optimistic"

The 1969 St. Leo baseball team will be trying to improve on last year's record of 18-18, which included victories over such highly regarded teams as Duke University, University of Connecticut, Coast Guard and Lewis College.

Although most of the players are returning, the Monarchs should have a tougher season due to the fact that teams such as Florida State, an N.C.A.A. power, and Georgia Southern, an N.A.I.A. power, are on the schedule and rate as the top opposition.

The team's greatest asset last year was the pitching staff which compiled a 2.07 earned run average. The same pitching staff is back again this season with Ray Korn, Fred Cambria and Kevin Carlin heading the list along with a fine Junior College transfer hurler, Bob Case. All four pitchers were throwing hard at the recent workouts and all are in fine shape. After a workout Ray Korn said, "I feel that this year's team has great potential and we'll be ready for the opener."

In the defensive department, the infield looks strong with returning lettermen Phil Hopkins and Ken Kamradt back for another season. Three freshmen are fighting for the two remaining starting berths. They are Dan Lietzell, Chuch Sousa and Marty Tobias. Hopkins and Kamradt, along with two of the three freshmen, should produce a tight infield.

The outfield shows definite improvement over last year with the speed and strong throwing arms of Joe Ciliano, Joe Lennon, Mark Monerat, Len Schettino, Pete Lessard and Mark Plisko, who has been converted from first base to the outfield. No position is secure as all players are hoping for a starting berth. The outfield certainly will have great depth.

The catching job has boiled down to a battle between Emile Bucci, Tony Makoski and Joe Sico. All are strong hitters and have the quick throwing arm needed behind the plate. Wayne Barlow, another catching candidate, has been lost to the team for three weeks due to injury.

Hitting, which was the Monarchs' weakest point last year, has been showing great promise. Coach Meyer commented, "I think we should improve our team batting average 50 points over last year's mark of .207 because the hitting appears to be stronger this year."

The Lion was very much impressed with all aspects of the team especially with the spirit and hustle that Coach Bill Meyer has generated among his ballplayers.

Asked for his outlook on the upcoming season, Coach Meyer replied, "I feel we have the potential to beat any team we play on a given day." Meyer stressed the need for student support.

The Monarchs opened the season last Saturday afternoon with a doubleheader against the Univ. of South Florida. This afternoon the Monarchs travel to Lakeland for a clash with Florida Southern and return home for a three game series with Biscayne, a single game this coming Friday and a doubleheader on Saturday.

Greg Steltner

Notice

A survey will be taken on Feb. 27, and 28 concerning the college's radio program, the "Lion's Den." Please take time to stop in the student center and fill out the questionnaire.

Lion's Den Staff

ON SPORTS

Saint Leo College Athletic Director, Norm Kaye, has announced spring sport schedules for the Monarch tennis and golf teams.

The golf team, coached by John Benton, will play in seven different matches this season involving at least three teams and as many as five.

Also included on the schedule are three different tournaments including the Florida Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at Cape Coral.

Saint Leo will also field a junior varsity team that will play four matches and participate in the freshman division of the Florida Intercollegiates.

Coach Tim Crosby's tennis team is slated for 15 matches. The season began February 22 and will end April 12. Eight matches are slated to be played here. Two junior varsity matches with Florida Southern have also been scheduled.

The schedules:

GOLF

February 28 – at University of South Florida with Biscayne College and University of Miami.

March 1 and 2 – Florida Intercollegiate Tournament at University of South Florida; 6 – at Florida Southern with University of Tampa; 8 – at University of South Florida with University of Tampa and Embry-Riddle; 12 – at University of Tampa; 15 – University of Tampa and Florida Tech at St. Leo; 19 – Georgia Southern at Saint Leo; 21 – at University of South Florida with Kent State University; 26-29 – Miami Invitational.

April 2-5 – at sixth Annual Gulf American Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

TENNIS

March 5 – Embry Riddle; 9 – Florida Tech; 10 – Florida Southern; 15 – at Jacksonville; 19 – Georgia Southern; 22 – Stetson; 19 – Georgia Southern; 22 – Stetson; 27 – University of Tampa; 31 – Amherst.

April 3 – at University of Tampa; 4 – at Florida Southern; 5 – at Florida Tech; 11 – Jacksonville; 12 – at Stetson.

Sigma Lambda News

We are a brotherhood dedicated to serving our brothers as well as the college and community. In this service we find the principal idea of life, the betterment of ourselves and the people around us.

In order to fulfill this principle of betterment we have completed several projects for the college and community. Last trimester projects were as follows: we painted the bridge connecting the men's and the women's campuses; co-hosted two car washes and a dance for A.L.S.A.C. with the Knights of Columbus; sponsored the upper division Parents Weekend Golf Tournament and hosted the President's Ball. Also, we assisted Brother James with his "Jo-Jo the Clown Act" for handicapped children; ushered for the Winter Weekend Concert and spent a Quo Vadis weekend in Clearwater.

This trimester we had a campus and community cleanup, ushered at the Miss Pasco County Beauty Contest, did landscaping for the women's campus and rearranged the main reading room of the library. Also, we have worked for the Audio Visual Department, helped paint the room for the rescue squad, parked cars for the Board of Directors and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People banquets, and assisted the Abbey maintenance.

Our future plans include planting trees in St. Ed's parking lot and the completion of our rush and pledge programs.

We would like to congratulate Miss Mary (Tec) Bishop on her selection as our Fraternity Sweetheart. Tec is junior from Babson Park, Florida and a sister of Phi Tau Omega.

Also, Mr. Christopher M. Hoff on his acceptance as an honorary brother and alumni of Sigma Lambda. Chris at present is a faculty member and head of the Audio Visual Department here at St. Leo.

Our newly elected officers are Nelson Lopez, President, Steve Hall, Vice President, Carl Schloss, Secretary, and C. William Lee, Treasurer.

We would like to thank the sisters of Phi Tau Omega for their co-operation and hard work on the Rescue Squad project.

We, the brothers of Sigma Lambda, are trying to grow with St. Leo by helping it through service and brotherhood.

Sigma Lambda's Sweetheart – Tec Bishop